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Report of the 1999 United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities

A. Opening and duration of the session

1. By its resolution 45/215 of 21 December 1990, the General Assembly decided, *inter alia*, that the adoption and signing of the Final Act of the United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities should be replaced by the adoption of a procedural report of the Conference.

2. The Conference was held at United Nations Headquarters on 2 and 3 November 1999.

3. The Conference was opened by the Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs.

B. Attendance

4. The Conference was attended by representatives of the Governments of the following States:

Algeria, Andorra, Angola, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Belarus, Belgium, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia, Brazil, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Canada, Chile, China, Colombia, Cuba, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Denmark, Djibouti, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Egypt, Ethiopia, Finland, France, Germany, Ghana, Guyana, Haiti, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Ireland, Italy, Japan, Jordan, Kenya, Kuwait, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lesotho, Liechtenstein, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Malta, Mexico, Micronesia (Federated States of), Mongolia, Morocco, Myanmar, Namibia, Netherlands, Nigeria, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Romania, Russian Federation, San Marino, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, Sweden, Switzerland, Thailand, Tunisia, Turkey, Uganda, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania, United States of America, Uzbekistan, Venezuela, Viet Nam and Yemen.

5. Representatives of the following organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations and related organizations also attended the Conference:

United Nations Children's Fund, United Nations Development Fund for Women, United Nations Development Programme, United Nations Population Fund, World Food Programme, Department of Economic and Social Affairs of the Secretariat, United Nations Centre for Human Settlements and United Nations International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women.

6. Representatives of the following specialized agencies also attended the Conference:

Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, United Nations

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Industrial Development Organization and World Bank.

C. Election of officers

7. At its meeting on 2 November, the Conference elected by acclamation the following officials:

President:	Mr. Zbigniew Matuszewski (Poland)
Vice-Presidents:	Mr. Fabio Cassese (Italy) Mr. Ruben Espinoza (Peru) Mr. Alisher Vohidov (Uzbekistan)

D. Documentation

8. The Conference had before it the following documents:

(a) Note by the Secretary-General on operational activities for development of the United Nations system (A/CONF.190/1);

(b) Note by the Secretary-General on contributions pledged or paid at the 1998 United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities as at 30 June 1999 (A/CONF.185/2);

(c) Report of the Secretary-General on comprehensive statistical data on operational activities for development for the year 1997 (E/1999/55/Add.2);

(d) Background information on programmes and funds for the 1999 United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities.

E. Announcement of pledges

9. The Conference heard the announcement of pledges by a number of Governments to one or more programmes and funds, and took note of the fact that several Governments were not in a position to announce their contributions but proposed to communicate their announcement of such contributions to the Secretary-General as soon as they were in a position to do so after the closure of the Conference.